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Dear Ms. Green:

In accordance with your instructions in our telephone conversation of March 12, 2009, please find the following papers filed with the USPTO in connection with Patent No. 6,960,450.

Thank you very much for your assistance on this matter.

Best regards,

Myrna Riel  
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In re U.S. Patent of Shigeki NAMIMATSU

Patent No. 6,960,450

Application No.: 10/092,462

For: ANTIGEN ACTIVATING METHOD AND ANTIGEN ACTIVATOR



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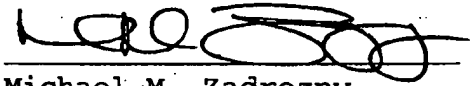
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A Request for Certificate of Correction was filed on  
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It is requested the Office advise patentee as to the status  
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Respectfully submitted,

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(54) **ANTIGEN ACTIVATING METHOD AND  
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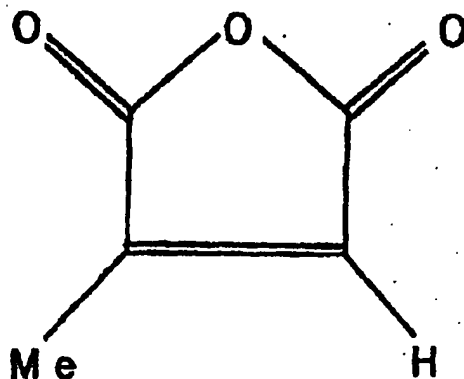
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An object of the present invention is to provide a reagent for activating and unmasking antigens in a immuno-tissue-chemical staining. A slice of tissue cells on a slide glass is heated or heated under pressurization by an electric pot, autoclave, microwave oven, scalding, or constant-temperature bath for a sufficient time period in CCA aqueous solution of suitable pH and CCA concentration, thereby activating and unmasking antigenicity of antigen masked by aldehyde fixation.

**9 Claims, 1 Drawing Sheet**



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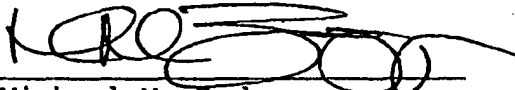
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Respectfully submitted,

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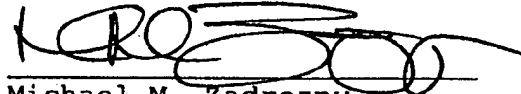
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INVENTOR(S) : Shigeki NAMIMATSU

It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Coverpage, the inventor's address, "Shinjuku-cho" should read -- Arajuku-machi --.

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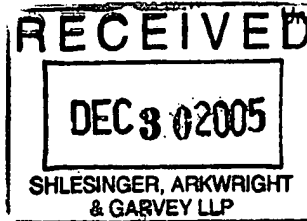
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Inventor(s) : Shigeki NAMIMATSU  
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Title : ANTIGEN ACTIVATING METHOD AND ANTIGEN ACTIVATOR  
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Re: Request for Certificate of Correction

Consideration has been given your request for the issuance of a certificate of correction for the above-identified patent under the provisions of Rule 1.322 and 1.323.

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Any telephone inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Ms. A. Green at (703) 308-9380 ext. 123.

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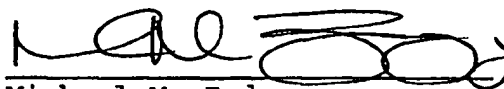
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